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Ser. No. 09/887,299, filed June 22, 2001, which claims the benefit of Ser. No. 60/258,765, filed December 30, 2000	No pending Office Action	4906.P016
Ser. No. 09/999,503, filed October 22, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 09/887,299, filed June 22, 2001, which claims the benefit of Ser. No. 60/258,765, filed December 30, 2000	Response to Office Action due 8/3/2005, not yet filed	4906.P016X
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Ser. No. 09/887,302, filed June 22, 2001, which claims the benefit of Ser. No. 60/258,761, filed December 30, 2000	Response to Office Action filed 6/14/2005	4906.P044

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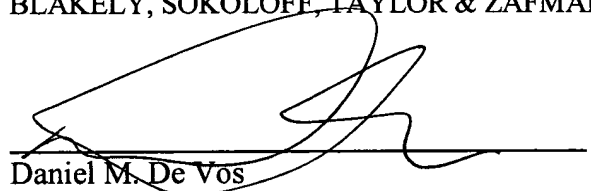
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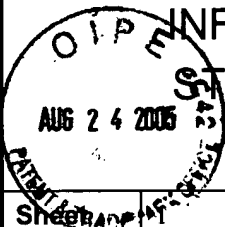
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